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How blind are the people who accepted this deal to allow Microsoft to blitz their way into the education software market by "donating" up to a billion dollars worth of equipment and software to struggling schools. This is punishment? It might cost them some cash, but it guarantees them a whole new market and new customers. For about the same cost as a major advertising campaign, they get guaranteed exposure to a whole new market which was unavailable to them previously. Now these schools will have to pay for the software updates, network administration, and software trainers which were never expenses prior to this "settlement". It also helps Microsoft perpetuate their monopoly by spreading into the ever-growing education market which they have been struggling to do for over 10 years.

Congratulations, you just made Bill Gates even richer.

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